



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Indian Health Service  
Rockville, MD 20857

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Paul Gottinger  
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DEPT MR 67191  
411A Highland Ave  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request 19-036, Dated 1/10/2019

Dear Mr. Gottinger:

You submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Indian Health Service requesting: "Any and all records containing "talking points" for use by Indian Health Service personnel when communicating with the public or members of the media on the topic of the government shutdown."

Our office is in the process of reviewing pending open FOIA requests where the processing of the request has not been completed. We need to ascertain as to whether you remain interested in the processing of this request. If you remain interested, please contact this office by email [ihsoiamailbox@ihs.gov](mailto:ihsoiamailbox@ihs.gov), fax at (301) 594-0899 or by mail at the below address. We will not proceed further with your request until notification is received from you making it clear that you remain interested.

If your statement is not received within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will interpret this to mean that you are no longer interested in the requested records and we will close our file on the request. *See* 45 C.F.R. § 5.24(c). Therefore, no action on your part is needed if you no longer have a need for the records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Carl G. Mitchell", is written over a horizontal line.

Carl G. Mitchell  
Director, Division of  
Regulatory and Policy Coordination,  
and FOIA Officer

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